

What is claimed:

1. A topical composition for the treatment of acne, comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.
2. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the composition is substantially free of skin-irritating materials.
3. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.
4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, fatty acid derived or modified carriers, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.
5. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract and one of green tea and cranberry extract.
6. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient comprises cranberry extract.
7. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the active ingredient comprises green tea extract.

8. A method of treating acne, comprising obtaining a topical composition comprising an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* and, optionally, at least one inactive ingredient, and topically applying the composition to skin of a patient in need of treatment for acne, wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.

10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the inactive ingredient comprises a carrier, selected from the group consisting of water soluble carriers, petroleum derived carriers, fatty acid derived or modified carriers, surfactants, thickening agents, carbomers, polyacrylates, and silicas.

11. The method according to claim 8, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract and one of green tea and cranberry extract.

12. The method according to claim 8, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.

13. The method according to claim 8, wherein the active ingredient comprises cranberry extract.

14. The method according to claim 8, wherein the active ingredient comprises green tea extract.

15. A method for treating acne, comprising applying an active ingredient in an amount sufficient to inhibit the growth of *Propionibacterium acnes* to skin,

wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of green tea extract, grape seed extract, cranberry extract, and mixtures thereof.

16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the active ingredient comprises grape seed extract.

17. The method according to claim 15, wherein the active ingredient comprises cranberry extract.

18. The method according to claim 15, wherein the active ingredient comprises green tea extract.

19. The method according to claim 15, further comprising applying the composition from 1 to about 3 times a day.